

# **CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **BUDGET ADOPTION**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION**

## **AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel (Discussion of Termination of Non-Certified Employee A), (Discussion of Termination of Non-Certified Employee B); PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Ahlquist vs. Cranston School Committee), (Contract Negotiations' Update- Custodians, Secretaries), (Consideration of legal options regarding status of aid to education appropriation and legal advice relating to same).**

**2. Executive Session**

**3. Call to Order – Public Session**

**4. Roll Call / Quorum**

**5. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – February 13, 2012**

**6. Public Acknowledgements / Communication**

**7. Chairperson's Communications**

**8. Superintendent's Communications**

**9. School Committee Member Communications**

**10. Public Hearing**

**a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Matters)**

**b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**

**11. Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**SPONSORED BY MRS. MCFARLAND AND MR. TRAFICANTE**

**NO. 12-02-01 - RESOLVED, whereas, the Cranston City Council has approved and submitted a copy of Resolution #2012-2 requesting the Cranston School Department's custodians collect trash at additional locations, and**

**Whereas, the Cranston School Committee submitted an approved Resolution #10-3-3 dated March 22, 2010, requesting to recalculate the School Department's sewer charge based upon a previous City Council Resolution which was the initial request for trash collections by the district, and**

**Whereas, the Cranston School Department has 27 school buildings, the City of Cranston has 17 buildings and Libraries has 4 buildings charged for sewer fees, and**

**Whereas, the charges for sewer fees are not standardized by the City of Cranston, and**

**Whereas, the current per fixture charge is \$42.70 for a charge of \$215,421.50 to the Cranston School District and a charge of \$145,991.30 to the City of Cranston per the calculation by the Public Works Department of the City of Cranston, and**

**Whereas, the current sewer charge to the City of Cranston is \$1,000 per building for a total of \$17,000 paid annually per tax collectors office of the City of Cranston, and**

**Whereas, the current sewer charge to the City of Cranston Libraries is \$508.46 per building for a total of \$ 2,033.84 paid annually per tax collectors office of the City of Cranston, and**

**Whereas, although current sewer charge to the School Department and the City of Cranston is calculated by the Public Works Office of the City of Cranston at a per fixture charge; however, payments to the tax collector of the City of Cranston have been recalculated for the City of Cranston sewer fees only as budgeted annually by the City of Cranston, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Department is again requesting the City of Cranston through the Tax Collectors recalculate a sewer charge similar to the City of Cranston reflecting \$1,000 per building for a total sewer charge to the Cranston School Department of \$27,000 annually, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that the City of Cranston notify the School Department of the appropriate tax collections changes effectively for sewer fees based upon City of Cranston's sewer fee of a per building charge of \$1,000 per building annually.**

#### **ADMINISTRATION - PERSONNEL**

**NO. 12-02-02 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the 2011-2012 school year:**

**Carolyn Steward, Step 4 + Masters**

**Education...RIC, BA, Simmons College, MS**

**Experience...North Kingstown**

**Certification...Library Media**

**Assignment...Itinerant .5 FTE**

**Effective Date...January 24, 2012**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...12216030 51110**

**NO. 12-02-03 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**James DiPrete, Principal**

**Sarah Ferry, Music PK-12**

**Sarah Cortazzo, Elementary Teacher**

**Lindsay Roumelis, Art PK-12**

**Anthony Soscia, Principal**

**Thomas Hazard, Principal**

**Russell Rapose, Principal**

**NO. 12-02-04 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel be accepted:**

**Jonathan Wilk, Teacher**

**Cranston West**

**Effective Date...June 30, 2012**

**NO. 12-02-05 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be appointed as volunteer coach(s):**

**Cranston High School West  
Kenneth Fogarty Boys' Hockey**

**NO. 12-02-06 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be reappointed as volunteer coaches:**

**Cranston High School West  
Daniel Archetto Girls' Fast Pitch**

**NO. 12-02-07 RESOLVED, Whereas, there may be more qualified teachers who will apply for current positions, and a better fit for the district, and**

**Whereas, certain positions became available after the teacher selection of July 27, 2011 and more senior and/or qualified teachers may elect to occupy these positions, and**

**Whereas, there is uncertainty of sufficient Federal, State and local funding for general and categorical programs for the 2012-2013 school year, program reductions, student**

**and district needs, consolidation of classes, re-alignment of staff and elimination of positions to more efficiently and effectively use the school system resources, and**

**Whereas, positions occupied by retirees must be posted each year, and**

**Whereas, positions must now be made available for more senior teachers who are scheduled to return from leave, and**

**Whereas, the teacher does not have the required certification, and there may be more qualified individuals who will apply for these positions, and**

**Whereas, because of these concerns, and in accordance with Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Superintendent has recommended that the employment of certain teachers be terminated at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, and**

**Whereas, the Superintendent has sent prior notice to said teachers informing them of the specific reasons for their termination, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that said teachers be terminated at the close of the school year under provisions of Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the School Committee's action to terminate their employment.**

**NO. 12-02-08 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:**

**Joseph Apostolico, Part Time Custodian  
Plant**

**Effective Date...February 14, 2012**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...11747050 51110**

**Colin Vidos, Bus Monitor**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...January 23, 2012**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...13445090 51110**

**Joan Piccoli, Bus Monitor**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...January 23, 2012**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...12845090 51110**



**Tabetha Chase, Bus Driver (Probationary)**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...January 30, 2012**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...10345190 51110**

**John Theroux, Bus Driver (Probationary)**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...January 30, 2012**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...10345190 51110**

**Vincent Amore, Jr., Bus Driver (Probationary)**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...February 27, 2012**

**Authorization...Replacement**

**Fiscal Note...12645190 51110**

**NO. 12-02-09 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**Stacey Lanigan, Secretary**

**Barbara Manni, Teacher Assistant**

**NO. 12-02-10- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the**

**Superintendent, the retirement(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Christine Cronan, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...February 14, 2012**

**NO. 12-02-11 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Filippa Gruppso, Bus Monitor**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...January 18, 2012**

**AnnMarie Folcarelli, Supported Employment Specialist**

**Pupil Personnel**

**Effective Date...February 10, 2012**

**Lisa Faella, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...January 26, 2012**

**Eldora Giblin, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...February 10, 2012**

**NO. 12-02-12 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article X Section C of the Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance Teacher Assistant/Bus Aide Unit:**

**Barbara Manzo, Bus Aide**

**January, 2012 to August 2012**

**NO. 12-02-13 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified employee "A" be accepted:**

**NO. 12-02-14 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified employee "B" be accepted:**

## **BUSINESS**

**NO. 12-02-15 - RESOLVED, that the 2012-2013 Operating Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.**

**NO. 12-02-16 – RESOLVED, that the 2012-2013 Capital Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved:**

**Bain Middle School Replace Exterior Windows \$700,000**

**Bain Middle School Replace All Corridor Tile 425,000**

**Park View Middle School Replace All Corridor Tile 365,000 Western**

**Hills Middle School Replace All Corridor Tile 325,000**

**Stadium Elementary School Reconstruction of Playground 85,000**

**Stone Hill Elementary School Reconstruction of Playground 85,000**

## **POLICY AND PROGRAM**

**NO. 12-02-17 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Field Trip(s) of Long Duration/Conference(s) be authorized:**

**Christine Luther-Morris, teacher at Cranston High School West, and approximately 17 students, to travel to Boston, MA for a Model United Nation Conference hosted by Boston University from February 24, 2012 – February 26, 2012, at no cost to the School Department. Please see the attached Field Trip of Long Duration form.**

**12. Action Calendar / Action Agenda**

**13. New Business**

**14. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items**

**15. Announcement of Future Meetings – February 16, 2012, March 14 & March 19, 2012**

**16. Adjourn Public Work Session**

**School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.**

**Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the Agenda.**

**Individuals requested interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8143 72 hours in advance of hearing date.**

**Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's web site at [www.cpsed.net](http://www.cpsed.net), Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) hours in advance of the meeting.**

**Notice Posted: February 10, 2012**